

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 8 as follows. A copy of all pending claims and a status of the claims is provided below.

1-7 (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A multiple stage pump for use in a hydraulically controlled fuel injector system, comprising:

at least two pumps; and

at least two valve means for regulating fluid from the at least two pumps, respectively, the at least two valve means being upstream from the at least two pumps in a respectively same line as the at least two pumps, wherein the at least two valve means includes:

a first check valve upstream from a first pump of the at least two pumps and a first valve of the at least two valves, and

a second check valve upstream from a second pump of the at least two pumps and a second valve of the at least two valves.

9. (original) The multiple stage pump of claim 8, further comprising a merged line upstream from the at least two valve means.

10. – 12. (withdrawn)

13. (original) The multiple stage pump of claim 9, wherein the at least two valve means are each a set of valves.

14.-21. (canceled)